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8.00 " " 10.00 " "	" " 10 "
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11.30 " " 12.45 p.m.	" " 15 "
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 " "	" " 15 "
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NIGHT CARS	
4.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.	8.30 to 11.00 p.m.
Every Half Hour.	
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SUNDAYS	
7.30 a.m.	to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes
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11.30 " " 12.00 noon	" " 15 "
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	" " 15 "
1.00 p.m. to 3.30 " "	" " 15 "
3.30 " " 5.00 " "	" " 15 "
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DOWN TRAINS.

Stations	No. 6 Through Express a.m.	No. 8 Local a.m.	No. 7 Through Slow a.m.	No. 9 Local a.m.	No. 11 Through Express p.m.	No. 13 Through Express p.m.	No. 15 Local p.m.	No. 17 Local p.m.	No. 19 Local p.m.
CANTON (Chi Shu) dep.	7.35		8.15		12.55	1.15			
SHEN LUNG dep.	8.40	8.04	11.16	11.40	1.40	4.10			
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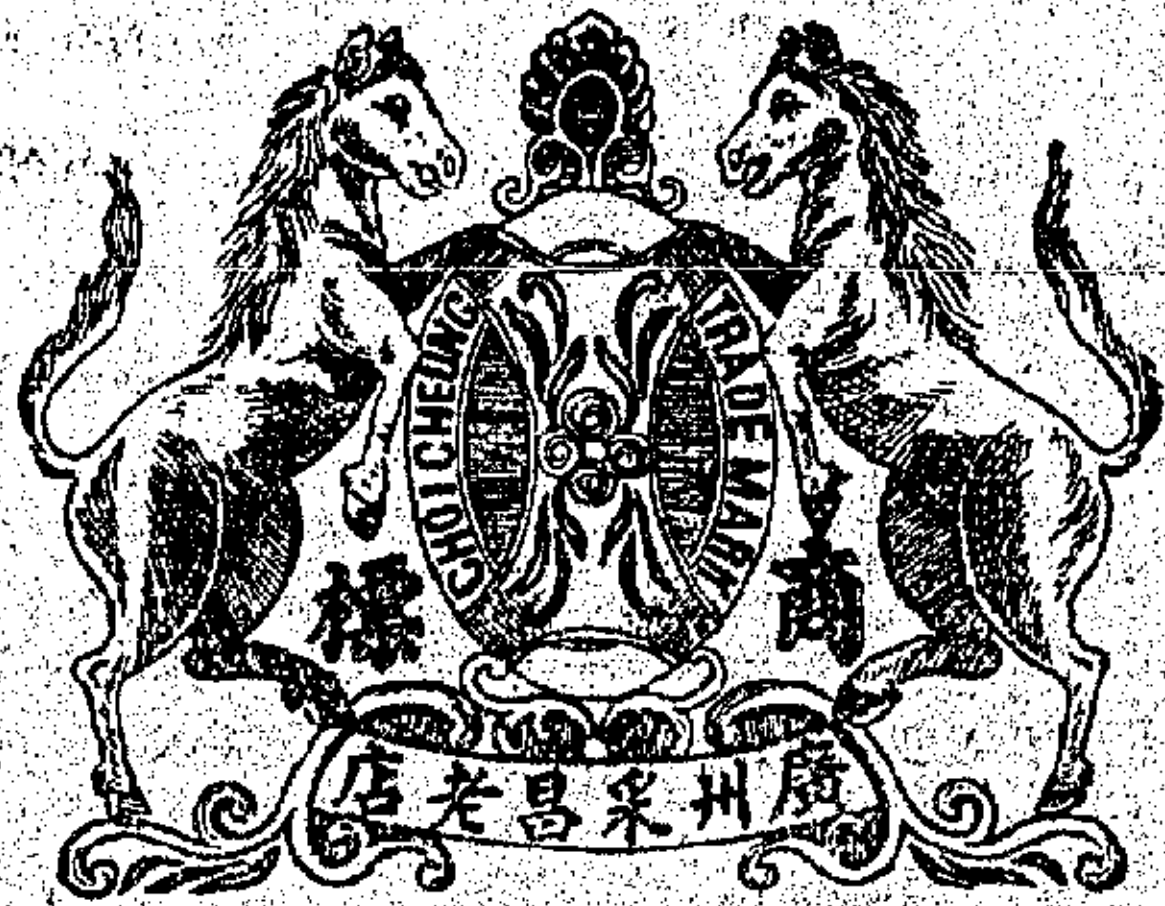
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Applicants will be required to produce Passports or Identification papers.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1915.

Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS BY MAJOR H. A. MORGAN, ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.

STRENGTH.

Pte. S. Bell was enrolled on 9.11.17, and posted to Stretcher Bearer Section.

Pte. A. G. Pasmore was enrolled on 9.11.17 and posted to "D" Co.

Pte. F. H. Cunnell was enrolled on 13.11.17 and posted to "A" Co., No. 4 Platoon.

Reference Corps Order No. 1 dated 9.11.17, the name of Private J. A. Howe was inserted in error.

Sappers G. F. Alves and E. G. Anderson are permitted to resign on leaving the Colony dated 10.11.17.

LEAVE.

G. Q. M. S. D. Toller, "B" Co., is granted 2 months' sick leave from 17.11.17.

Pte. C. H. P. Day, "B" Co., is granted 3 months' sick leave from 22.11.17.

Pte. S. H. Dodwell, "B" Co., is granted 1 month's leave from 22.11.17.

Pte. N. J. Stubb, "B" Co., is granted 1 month's leave from 22.11.17.

Spr. T. Gibbison, Eng. Co., is granted 3 months' leave from 14.11.17.

TRANSFERS.

No. 426 Private J. A. Howe, "A" Co., No. 4 Platoon, is transferred to "D" Co., temporary, dated 3.11.17.

Reference Corps Order No. 2 dated 9.11.17, the transfers of the following from "B" Co. to "A" Co. are cancelled:—Corpl. H. T. Jackson, Ptes. F. Allen, A. H. Hollingsworth and D. Jaffe.

No. 531 Pte. J. M. McLeod is transferred from "B" Co. to "A" Co., No. 4 Platoon dated 16.11.17.

APPOINTMENTS.

Corpls. W. H. Edmonds and F. Meade, "A" Co., No. 4 Platoon, to be Sergeant-Instructors.

Corporal W. H. Edmonds is appointed Lance-Sergeant dated 15.11.17.

Corporal F. Meade is appointed Lance-Sergeant dated 14.11.17, and is attached to "B" Co.

PARADES.

Guards will parade wearing greatcoats until further orders.

ALLOCATION OF RIFLE RANGE.

King's Park Range is allotted to the Hongkong Police on week-days for 6 weeks from 3.12.17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on other days.

ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.

The following is the result of Classification Practices of a batch of details of the Corps at the Peak Range:

Number exercised 41

Marksmen nil

1st Class Shots 8

2nd 24

3rd 0

The averages were—

Practises 13 11.0

14 14.2

15 9.9

16 13.9

17 9.7

18 8.0

19 2.5

Company Average 69.8

ORDERS FOR ARTILLERY COMPANY BY CAPTAIN J. H. W. ARMSTRONG, V.D.

PARADES AT BELCHERS BATTERY.

Monday, 19th inst.:

7.30 a.m. Right Half Company, D.R.F. class only.

5.20 p.m. Left Half Company, D.R.F. class only.

Tuesday, 20th inst.:

7.30 a.m. Right Half Company, Full parade.

5.30 p.m. Left Half Company, full parade.

Thursday, 22nd inst.:

7.30 a.m. Right Half Company (Gun numbers other than specialists).

5.30 p.m. Left Half Company (Gun numbers other than specialists).

Friday, 23rd inst.:

7.30 a.m. Right Half Company Layers and Batters class only.

5.30 p.m. Left Half Company Layers and Batters class only.

ORDERS FOR ENGINEER COMPANY BY CAPTAIN W. RUSSELL.

19th to 23rd inst.:

E. L. Manning nightly at Belchers and Lyceum, Parades as per Rosters at Headquarters.

Engine drivers at 5.15 p.m.

Electricians at 6 p.m.

Officers next for duty.

Belchers, 2nd-Lieut. Brown.

Lyceum, 2nd-Lieut. Templeton.

Stonecutters, Lieut. Stevenson.

Parades for instruction.—Classes for higher ratings at Belchers at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, under Staff Sergeants Overend and Parsons.

R.E. Corporal Day and 2nd-Corporal Norris, H.K.D.C. Attendance at these lectures is compulsory for 1/0 ratings.

Details of duties at Lyceum, from 17th to 30th inst., is posted at Headquarters.

ORDERS FOR INFANTRY BATTALION BY MAJOR H. A. MORGAN.

"B" COMPANY.

PARADES.

Monday, 19th inst.:

4.30 a.m. No. 6 Platoon, Nos. 5 and 6 Sections, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practises 5, 6, 7 and 12.

Dress: Drill order with pouches.

Tuesday, 20th inst.:

4.30 p.m. No. 5 Platoon, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practises 5 and 8.

Dress: Drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 21st inst.:

4.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon, Nos. 7 and 8 Sections, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practises 5, 6, 7 and 12.

Dress: Drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 22nd inst.:

4.30 p.m. No. 5 Platoon, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practises 5 and 8.

Dress: Drill order with pouches.

Friday, 23rd inst.:

4.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practises 5 and 8.

Dress: Drill order with pouches.

Machine Gun Company.

Dress: Clean fatigues.

Monday, 19th inst.:

5.10 p.m. New detailed below at Headquarters: Privates Field, Harper, Hind, Jack, Labrum, Logan, McKeon, Pingue, Stapleton and Todd, P.C.

STRETCHER BEARER SECTION.

Tuesday, 20th inst.:

5.15 p.m. Drill at Headquarters. (Continued at foot of next column.)

CHINA'S COTTON POSSIBILITIES.

In view of the growing demand for raw cotton and the scarcity of the material in Japan, the Industry Investigation Bureau of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce made a report on the following points, relating to the cotton productivity of China.

The world's demand for cotton has been increasing fast, and the production thereof has kept pace. The year before the outbreak of the European War, the world's consumption of raw cotton was estimated at 19,942,000 bales, while the output for the same was 19,197,000 bales. Thus the supply of cotton has not met the increase of demand. It is a question before the world as to where the increase of supply is to be looked for. The majority of experts point to India, but the position of China cannot be ignored.

China as a cotton-producing country may be ranked the third in the world, although no accurate figures are obtainable. The output of the United States ranges from 13,000,000 to 14,000,000 bales; that of India is about 4,000,000 bales; inferring from various reports, the production in China is approximately 2,000,000 bales. Such is the position of China, without any encouragement from the Chinese Government, and hence if the Chinese authorities wish to organize a body to look after the industry, as seen in other nations, one can imagine what part China could play in the cotton production of the world.

The development of the spinning industry in Shanghai in the last 12 or 13 years has enhanced the cotton cultivation of China, so that an increase of production was witnessed. The spinning industry is yet making expansions, and it is urgent that the Chinese Government should see that the supply be increased, in the meantime bringing about a change in the quality of the fibres. In the year 1916 the Chinese Government took into its service an expert on cotton from the United States, creating an experimental station which may be said to be the first step in attempting to bring a change in cotton there. Whether China will realize its aims, remains to be seen. Much good or harm will be caused, according to the regulations affecting producers, i.e., according to the extent of freedom or limitations on the farmers.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.

PROMOTION.

The following promotion is made subject to the approval of Major-General J. C. Dalton, Chief Commissioner:—Lance-Corporal Wei Kan to be Corporal.

Y.M.C.A. DIVISION.

Tuesday, November 20th:

8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Thursday, November 22nd:

8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Wednesday, November 21st:

2 p.m. Band Practice.

Saturday, November 24th:

2 p.m. Band Practice.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.

"A" SECTION.

Thursday, November 22nd:

1.20 p.m. Banding Practice.

Friday, November 23rd:

4.30 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Monday, November 19th:

4.30 p.m. First Aid Class.

Tuesday, November 20th:

1.20 p.m. Squad Drill.

Thursday, November 22nd:

4.30 p.m. First Aid Class.

Friday, November 23rd:

4.30 p.m. Squad Drill.

VICTORIA DIVISION.

Thursday, November 22nd:

4.30 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

(Sgd.) E. RAFFLES.

District Supt. in Charge of District.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1917.

RECRUITS.

Monday, 19th inst.:

5.15 p.m. All units, except "D" Co., on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergeants Oxberry and Edmonds and Corpl. Grimes. Dress: Drill order.

5.15 p.m. Quarry Bay residents at Taikeo Dock.

"D" COMPANY.

Friday, 23rd inst.:

5.15 p.m. New members (joined since 1.9.17), at Headquarters, under C.S.M. Cooke and such other instructors as may be available.

5.15 p.m. Quarry Bay residents at Taikeo Dock.

DETAILS.

On duty from 18th to 19th inst. inclusive.

"A" COMPANY.

Orderly Officer to 17th inst.—2nd-Lieut. F. H. Thomas.

Orderly Officer on 18th inst.—2nd-Lieut. R. Sutherland.

ORDERS FOR CADET COMPANY BY 2ND-LIEUT. J. E. W. BEARD.

PARADES.

Saturday, 17th inst.:

1.30 p.m. Issue of new Caps and Belts at Headquarters.

Note the alteration in the time.

The Company will parade in full uniform with water bottles and haversacks. Buglers will carry their bugles.

Section Commanders will also collect all signalling flags (8 pairs were issued to each Section) and return the same to Store.

Sunday, 18th inst.:

10.30 a.m. Church Parade. Fall in at Headquarters.

Monday, 19th inst.:

5.15 p.m. No. 1 and 2 Sections at Headquarters.

5.30 p.m. Buglers at Headquarters.

Wednesday, 21st inst.:

5.15 p.m. No. 3 and 4 Sections at Yau-mat Football Ground.

5.30 p.m. Buglers at Yau-mat Football Ground.

6.30 p.m. Gymnasium at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

(Sgd.) G. E. STEWART, Capt.

Adjutant, H. K. Defence Corps.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1917.

ORDERS FOR CADET COMPANY.

Saturday, 24th inst.:

3 p.m. Football as follows:

No. 2 and 4 Section at Victoria School Ground.

No. 1 and 3 Sections at Yau-mat Football Ground.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S THANKS-GIVING PRO-CELANATION.

The following is the text of the Thanksgiving Proclamation of the President of the United States:—
By the President of the United States of America.

"It has long been the honoured custom of our people to turn in the fruitful Autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. That custom we can follow now, even in the midst of the tragedy of a world shaken by war and immeasurable disaster, in the midst of sorrow and great peril, because, even amidst the darkness that has gathered about us, we can see the great blessings God has bestowed upon us—blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise. We have been given the opportunity to serve mankind, as we once served ourselves in the great day of our Declaration of Independence, by taking up arms against a tyranny that threatened to master and oppress men everywhere, and joining with other free peoples in demanding for all the nations of the world what we then demanded and obtained for ourselves.

"In this day of the revelation of our duty, not only to defend our own rights as a nation but to defend also the rights of free men throughout the world, there has been vouchsafed us in full and rapid measure the resolution and spirit of united action. We have been brought to one mind and purpose. A new vigour of common council and common action has been revealed in us.

"We should especially thank God that in such circumstances, in the midst of the greatest enterprise the spirits of men have entered upon, we have, if we but observe a reasonable and practicable economy, abundance with which to supply the needs of those associated with us, as well as our own.

"A new light shines about us. The great duties of a new day awaken a new and greater national spirit in us. We shall never again be divided or wonder what stuff we are made of; and while we render thanks for these things let us pray Almighty God that in all humbleness of spirit we may look always to Him for guidance; that we may be kept constant in the spirit and purpose of service; that in His grace our minds may be directed and our hands strengthened, and that His good time liberty and security and peace and the comradeship of a common justice may be vouchsafed all the nations of the Earth.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, the President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the Great Ruler of Nations."

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE.

The total trade of Japan for the first nine months of the year, according to the compilation of the Department of Finance, was estimated at 1,140,914,600 yen for exports and 749,019,430 yen for imports, a total of 1,891,333,989 yen against 1,324,319,670 yen, showing an increase of 567,014,319 yen.

The above export returns when compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, show an increase of 375,401,128 yen; of the imports the increase was estimated at 141,013,141 yen.

In general the shipments of all goods have shown an increase, but the chief were wheat 11,000,000 yen, canned goods 18,000,000 yen, raw silk 73,000,000 yen, cotton yarns 12,000,000 yen, copper 25,000,000 yen and others 31,000,000 yen. There are others which have exceeded the million yen mark. Those which have met a decrease were gelatine, gingerly oil, fish and sperm oils, sulphur, peppermint, leather goods, woollen goods, silk handkerchiefs, cotton bath robes, cotton hosiery, underwear, other hosiery goods and straw mats.

The imports which have shown a remarkable increase were oil cake 12,000,

DEVIL'S PEAK.

Green Devil's Peak, your sides are steep.
As up your paths we slowly creep.
Our shirts are damp, our curses deep.
But when in F. C. Post we sleep,
Midst pests that fly, and pests that creep,
And nameless things that run and leap,
Sweet Devil's Peak—I'd sell you cheap.

Along my sheets the ants parade,
And hosts of bugs my rest invade,
Mosquitoes sing around my bed,
The lizards chuckle overhead,
The centipedes are forming fours,
Fat frogs come rolling through the doors,
And every pest that creeps or wings,
Make straight for me and stings and stings.

And if at last I restless doze,
Why then the bally 'phone bell goes.
Fair Devil's Peak, to sing your praise,
Your moonlight nights and sun-went days,

Your jungle paths and green-clad steep,
Your breezy heights and shaded deep,
To praise your charms I'll need to stay,
Sweet Devil's Peak—a mile away.

GUNNER.

HEATHER DAY.

All fear of a Heather famine on Heather Day has happily been dispelled, and the Committee charged with the organisation of Heather Day on the 30th inst. are deeply grateful to those ladies and gentlemen who were foresighted enough to arrange for small consignments of the "bonnie purple bloom" gathered "among Scotia's hills" supreme, with the result that, while profuse use cannot be made of it, there is enough heather in the hands of the Committee to fully carry out the decoration of badges. The heather specially ordered has not arrived, due, no doubt, to the present extraordinary dislocation of shipping.

With regard to the Official Badges to be sold on Heather Day, we are informed that these are to be mounted on blue ribbon and Messrs. Tak Cheong & Co. have undertaken to decorate 5,000 of them. Special Badges on tartan ribbon will be made up by Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., on request at private expense.

Among items for the Fair not already mentioned we hear that a "Zoo" is being organised, also a "fine arts" exhibition, and that donkey rides for children are to be provided.

The home of Miss Anton, who is in charge of the sale of fancy goods made by the ladies, is a scene of great activity. The appeal to the ladies published in our advertising columns, the other day seems to have had the desired result, and many articles of every conceivable kind suitable for the purpose of the fancy goods and Scottish Delicacies Stall are arriving daily. No limit has been or is intended to be placed upon the work of the ladies, for every article received can be turned in one way or another into coin of the realm to help forward the good cause.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club has sent to Mr. John Macdonald, Hon. Treasurer "Heather Day," a cheque for \$96, being 60 per cent. of the receipts from the competitions held during this month to be credited to the "Heather Day" Fund.

"THE POLICE RESERVE GAZETTE."

The November issue of "The Police Reserve Gazette," just to hand, completes the first volume of this popular monthly magazine, and congratulations are due to those responsible for its production, not only because it has so successfully weathered the first year of its existence but also because the high standard that marked the initial number has been more than maintained. There were many who predicted a short life for this little offspring of the Hongkong Police Reserve, but it enters upon its second year a healthy and flourishing infant with an excellent circulation.

The number under review contains No. 11 of "Police Reserve Songs" by "E.W.H.," the opening chapter of a local "Pepys' Diary"; another article on Hongkong in the early days; a story of the trials of a P.C. on "Our Day"; some happy "sayings" by famous men easily recognisable; a humorous article on how it was written; and other matter, including mention of the Corps activities during the past month. A clever cartoon by Lieut. Millington humorously indicating possible consequences of the abolition of chits in hotels is an attractive feature.

Next month's special number is promised, and for this contributions, grave or gay, are cordially invited.

HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.

A TEMPORARY LOAN.

In the case of two Chinese charged, on remand, with the theft of sixteen singlets, valued at \$17, from their employer, a shopkeeper in Shanghai Street, Yau-mati, the charge was amended to that of unlawfully pawning, without the consent of their employer.

Mr. Wood sentenced them to three months' hard labour.

AN UNLAWFUL SOCIETY.

Two Chinese were charged with being members of an unlawful society.

Mr. T. H. King, A.S.P., asked that the charges might be withdrawn. Although documents found related to an unlawful Society, there was insufficient evidence against the two men to warrant a conviction.

Mr. Dyer Ball granted the application.

RETURNING FROM BANISHMENT.
A Chinese pleaded guilty to returning from banishment before his term had expired.

The defendant said he was banished when only 18 years of age for stealing some brass, and had remained away ever since. He had had a hard time of it.

Mr. J. R. Wood enquired whether he could find someone to guarantee his good behaviour, and, on being answered in the affirmative, remanded the accused till next Monday, for enquiries to be made.

TIRED OF LIFE.

A Chinese pleaded guilty to attempting to commit suicide by drowning.

Inspector Grant deposed that on the 14th instant, the defendant boarded the ferry launch *Yui Sing* at Hongkong and, when nearing Kowloon city, jumped overboard, leaving a note in which he stated that he was weary of life. His wife and children were dead, and he did not care to live without them. The man was rescued by the *Yui Sing* and taken to the Police Station.

The case was remanded for a week.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A CHILD'S BANGLES.

A youthful Chinese was charged with snatching a bangle from a two-year-old child in Queen's Road, Central.

The facts, as alleged by the prosecution, were that the child was being carried on its father's back, when the defendant came up behind and snatched the bangle off the child's wrist.

The defendant's story was that the bangle fell to the ground and he picked it up, intending to return it to the owner, when the man seized him and handed him over to a *lukong*.

The defendant was remanded till tomorrow, as he had witnesses to call.

ASSAULTING A EUROPEAN.

A Chinese was charged with assaulting Mr. John Arnold, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.

Mr. Arnold stated that while he was going west, in a ricksha drawn by two coolies, the defendant, who was carrying a box in one hand and a bamboo pole in the other, collided with it. The box fell into the ricksha, and witness was thrown out. The defendant, annoyed at the collision, struck one of the drivers of the ricksha with the bamboo pole. He also attempted to strike witness, but the blow was warded off. The ricksha pullers had shouted a warning to the defendant to get out of the way, but the man paid no heed to it.

Both the ricksha coolies, giving evidence, stated that the ricksha was travelling at a slow speed, and when the warning was shouted to the defendant he could have easily got out of the way. The defendant, who went into the witness-box, said he was proceeding in a westerly direction, when the ricksha which was approaching from behind, collided with him. The box fell opposite him, while the bamboo pole was thrown across the tram-lines. He picked up the bamboo, whereupon the complainant charged him with assault and handed him over to an Indian constable.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10, remanding that it was an accident, and that the defendant had no right to assault the complainant. Accidents would sometimes occur, and defendant had no right to show annoyance.

£100 FOR EVERY U-BOAT SUNK.

Officers and crews of our mercantile marine are offered a new bonus of the sea in their valorous encounters with U-boats, which take place constantly day and night. Mr. John Jaffe, of Nice, offers rewards of £100 each, up to 12 in all, to the master, officers and crew of any British merchant vessel who can prove to the satisfaction of the committee of Lloyd's that their vessel has destroyed an enemy submarine. Mr. Jaffe offers this reward to the first cases reported during the 12 months from September 10th, 1917, to September 10th, 1918.

SPORT.

BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The 88th Company gained a lead of 203 points in this competition at the Soldiers' Club on Thursday evening in the first two games of the round.

Scores:—
88th Co., R.G.A. 20th MIDDLESEX REGT.
Gunner Burns 250 Pte. Geall 131
Gunner Donaldson 250 Sergt. Leigh 167

VOLLEY BALL.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE WINS THE LEAGUE SHIELD.

In the presence of a large gathering of spectators, the final match in the Senior Division of the Volley-Ball League was played last evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., when Queen's College defeated St. Paul's College by two goals to nil, and won the shield. Three games were played altogether, though the winners secured the victory in the first game.

At the conclusion, Professor Middleton Smith presented the trophy to the winning team, and congratulated them on their success, expressing the hope that they would repeat it next year and so obtain permanent possession of the shield. He pointed out the importance of athletics in promoting the physical development of the Chinese students.

CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE v. 25TH MIDDLESEX.

The following will represent the Civil Service at Home to-day, at 2 p.m.:—Hon. Mr. C. Severn (Captain), R. E. O. Bird, B. W. Bradbury, W. Dixon, F. Ling, R. C. Wicheall, E. W. Hamilton, D. M. Goodall, W. H. Edmonds, J. C. C. Fletcher, and P. T. Lambie.

KOWLOON v. NAVY.

In this league match at King's Park at 2.15 p.m. to-day Kowloon will be represented by:—J. P. Robinson, J. Stalker, C. J. Stapleton, A. A. Claxton, R. Pestonji, P. H. Cobb, W. J. Elson, R. E. Lindell, L. E. S. Hodge, F. Wheeler and L. J. Blackburn.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Navy and R.G.A. meet to-day in the United Services League on the Club Ground. The gunners will be without the services of Edgeler, Gorman and Halls, the first two being on the suspension list and Halls sick with a crooked ankle. If the sailors can put out a full team, the R.G.A. will have the utmost difficulty in averting defeat. The Artillerymen played a good game last week against the Club and thoroughly deserved their win. Their forwards this year are good, although there was an inclination on the part of the centre men to go in for the sensational, gallery style of play, which in these days does not pay. One man does not make a forward line any more than one swallow makes a summer, and if the ball invariably goes to one particular player when the side is approaching goal the opposing halves and backs will soon render his efforts non-effective, if they know their business, however good he is.

The 87th Company got off with a surprisingly light sentence in the 87th v. 88th match. The Board held that the referee was quite efficient, thus finding the team guilty of walking off the field for no reason except that a penalty was given against them. The Stonecutters team lost the points, as they had already done when they walked off, and all the players were suspended for a fortnight. This reads like a slight punishment, but it was arranged that, as the 87th Company would be unable to turn out a team with eleven players suspended, the fixture list should be altered, their matches being postponed till after the fortnight's suspension. The result is that the offenders escape with no punishment whatever, and a perfectly innocent team—the R.G.A. 1st division—loses a couple of its players because they misconducted themselves in a junior division match. If misconduct is dealt with in such a feeble fashion as this it is hardly to be wondered at that "unpleasant incidents" are of frequent occurrence in local football.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.
Navy v. R.G.A. Club Ground. Kick-off, 4.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Wright.

Division II.
Staff and Departments v. St. Joseph's College Club Ground. Kick-off, 3 p.m. Referee, Mr. Leach.
Kowloon v. South China Athletic Club Navy Ground. Kick-off, 3 p.m. Referee, Mr. Dickinson.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth, in their weekly share report dated November 16th, state:—

Since our last report, of 9th November our market has remained quiet until the last two days, when a better tone developed and a fair business has been done mostly in Indo-China. Deferred, for which there seems to be a still unsatisfied demand. Investment stocks, however, continue very dull and heavy, but with a further fall in Exchange, we look for a revival of interest in these. Shanghai, with the Autumn Race Meeting in progress, has been a negligible quantity. Singapore market for Rubber shares has been quiet but firm and prices show no change.

The following are our to-day's wired quotations:—
Alor Gajahs 4.40
Ayer Panas 12.25
Glencahy 2.55
Kedah 4.00 ex div.
Kempas 8.40
Malaka Pindas 3.10
Malakoff 4.70
New Serendahs 4.90
Sandyrofts 4.75
Tapahs 23.50

Plantation Rubber in London is quoted 2/7½. Bar Silver is quoted 13½. Sterling T.T. is 2/10½. Singapore T.T. is 123½. Shanghai T.T. is nominal at about 99½, and the Bank's buying rate for 3d's bills is nominal at about 70½.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai have further sagged to a selling rate of \$630. Marine Insurance.—No business is reported. Unions are on offer at \$775, and Canteens at \$320. There are buyers of North China at Tls. 112½ ex div. Yangtszes are unchanged, and nominal at \$205, with Exchange at 73. FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong Fires are nominal at \$310, but China Fires could be placed at \$130.

SHIPPING.—A fairly large business has been done in Indo-China. Deferred, at gradually improving prices, and we close with a very strong market, and a great security of shares offering. There are buyers for the Settlement at \$121, and for February at \$126. The London price is said to have advanced to \$28 buyers. Douglases have again been neglected, and are quoted at \$73 nominal. Steamboats have been quiet. Business is reported at \$19, but there are sellers at \$18. Star Ferries have not been dealt in and are nominal at \$38½. Oils.—Shells are unaltered at 107/4 nominal and a small business has been done rather under this rate. Langkats have experienced a better demand and have probable buyers at Tls. 13. Ural Caspians are quoted at 30½ nominal.

REFINERIES.—There has been a better feeling in this section and China Sugars, with few shares offering, have advanced to a buying rate of \$88 for cash. Malaboni are wanted at \$29½, but no shares are available at the rate.

MIXING.—Nothing has been done what-ever and prices are quite unchanged.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have steadily improved and are now wanted at \$118, for the Settlement. Kowloon Wharves are rather stronger and business has been done at \$88½ cash and \$88 for December. Shanghai Docks are nominal and unchanged at Tls. 75.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Market has been quiet, but sales of Lands have been made at \$68, and of Humphreys at \$51. Centrals are wanted at \$90, and Hotels at the same figure. West Points are in demand at \$78.

COTTON MILLS.—Nothing is reported. Kung Yik have buyers at Tls. 15, and Yangtsepoos at Tls. 5.60. Shanghai Cottons are offering at Tls. 114. Ewos and Orientals are both nominal, at Tls. 165 and Tls. 205 respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Cements have been quiet and almost entirely neglected; small sales are reported at \$7.35. China Lights have been placed at \$3.45. China Borneos are wanted at \$4, and China Providents at \$7.50. Dairy Farms could be placed at \$23, and Electric at \$48. Tramways have sellers at \$6.50, and Peak Tramways at \$81. Other companies are in the nominal list, at prices as quoted.

Memo.—Next Settlement Day, 28th November.

TENNIS.

OPEN SINGLES LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The draw for the open Singles Ladies' Tennis Championship (Change) Cup presented by the committee of the Ladies Recreation Club is as follows:—

Mrs. Sandhu (L.R.C.) v. Mrs. Kent (L.R.C.)
Mrs. Lindell (U.S.R.C.) v. Mrs. Hill (Taikoo Recreation Club)
Mrs. Bell (L.R.C.) v. Mrs. Dreaper (U.S.R.C.)
Miss Mitchell (T.R.C.) v. Mrs. Nisbet (L.R.C.)
Miss Robinson (U.S.R.C.) v. Miss Wilkinson (L.R.C.)
Mrs. Scott (T.R.C.) v. Mrs. Beckwith (U.S.R.C.)
Miss McNeil (T.R.C.) v. Mrs. Digby (L.R.C.)
Mrs. Goodban (L.R.C.) v. Miss R. Abing (Chinese Recreation Club).
The first round will be played by Sat. 1st Dec. the 2nd round by Wed., 12th Dec. 3rd round by Sat. 2nd Dec., and the 4th round by Mon., 31st Dec.

BOXING.

THE HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

Gunner Craig, U.R.N., who met Corporal Scott for the Heavy-Weight Championship of the Colony at the last boxing tournament held by the Hongkong Police Recreation Club, it is to be known that he is still a contender for the title of heavy-weight champion of Hongkong, and is prepared to contest the honour with anyone. In the event of a fight being arranged it will take place under the auspices of the Police Reserve and in aid of War Charities. It is hoped that this sporting challenge will be accepted.

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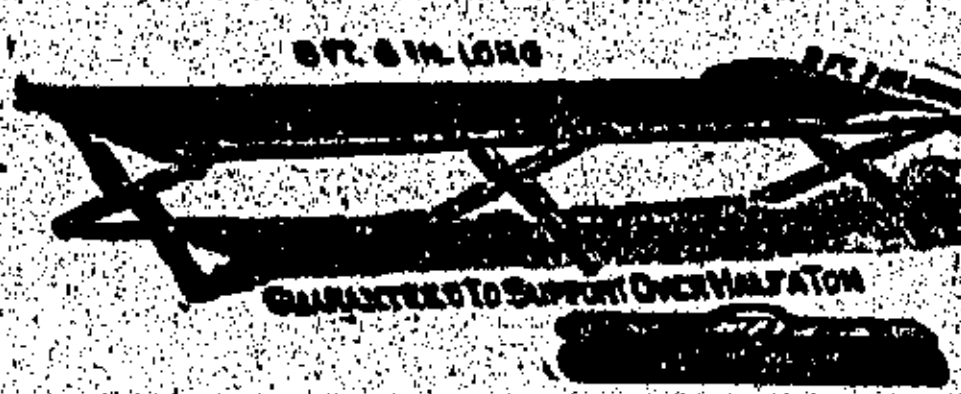
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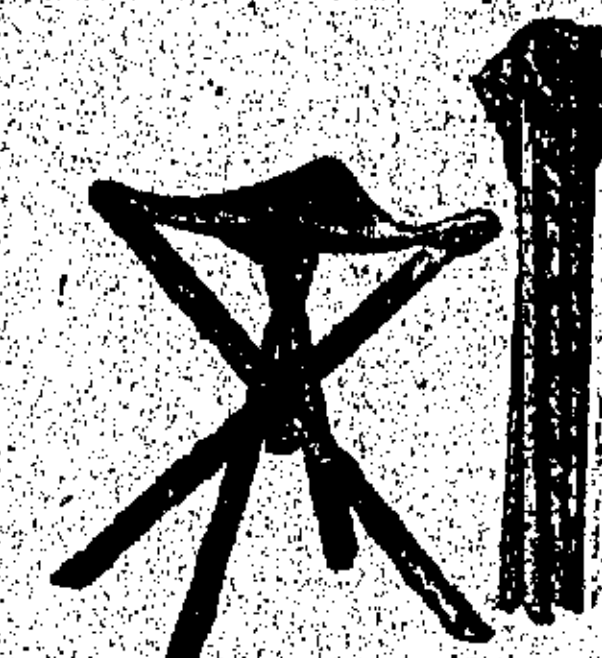
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED,

and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1911 AND 1913

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 6th day of November, 1917, presented to the Supreme Court of Hongkong by the above-named Society to confirm an alteration of the said Society's objects proposed to be effected by a Special Resolution of the Company unanimously passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Society held on the 1st day of September, 1917, and subsequently unanimously confirmed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Society held on the 27th day of September, 1917, and which Resolution runs as follows:—

"That the provisions of the Society's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting."

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before His Honour Sir WILLIAM HES DAVIES, Knight, Chief Justice, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of December, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and any person interested in the said Society whether as Creditor, Policy Holder, or otherwise desirous to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said alteration under the above Ordinances should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for the purpose, and a copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undersigned, the Society's Solicitors, on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1917.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MACAO.

NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 20th inst., at 3 P.M., at the Public Works Department, and before a Committee presided by the DIRECTOR of the Public Works and composed of Three Members appointed by the Government, the Attorney General being present, Tenders will be received for the construction of one building for the "LABORATORIO BACTERIOLOGICO". The Conditions of the specifications and the Plans of the Building are open to the Public at the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, where they can be examined on all week days from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from 2.30 P.M. to 4.30 P.M.

Macao, Public Works Department, 1st November, 1917.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1917.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

The position in Russia is still extremely obscure. The reports of the arrest of M. KERENSKY have proved to be devoid of foundation in fact, and it is evident that he has reached Petrograd with a considerable force at his command. Beyond that, nothing is clear. The cables received on Thursday encouraged the belief that the Leninist régime had collapsed as suddenly as it was introduced. They announced that M. KERENSKY controlled the whole of Russia, except a small part of Petrograd, which for the moment remained in the hands of the Leninists, whose principal regiment, the Red Guards, had been annihilated by the Cossacks. The further information was furnished that the Provisional Government had been re-established—this time at Moscow—and that its orders would be signed by M. KERENSKY, General KORNILOFF, and General KALEDIN, the last-named of whom had been appointed Dictator of South Russia. Now it is announced that M. KERENSKY has been definitely defeated; that three cruisers and six torpedo-boats, manned by Maximalists, have anchored in the Neva and are prepared to bombard Petrograd, which is aflame; that anarchy reigns supreme in the Provinces; that 2,000 people have been killed in Moscow; and that there have been veritable pogroms at Kiev, Voronej, and other towns. From these conflicting statements it is impossible to draw any useful conclusion. We can only hope for the triumph of M. KERENSKY and the two military leaders associated with him, for it may be taken for granted that that would result in the speedy introduction of the reforms which are indispensable if the people of Russia are to enjoy the fruits of their newly-won liberties. All three men are equally opposed to the idea of a separate peace, and are anxious that Russia shall shoulder its full share of the task of destroying Prussianism. At the Moscow Conference in August M. KERENSKY declared that Russia was in "mortal

danger," and deplored the "shameful events at the front." He stated plainly that he would not tolerate separatist tendencies, and threatened that, if necessary, he would make the assailants of the Provisional Government "remember the times of Tsarism." He evinced, however, a disinclination—not unnatural in the circumstances—to risk antagonising the Soviet and other organisations to which he owed his position by taking all the steps necessary to re-establish discipline, although ultimately the death penalty was re-introduced in the Army. It is not likely that he would hesitate any longer after his recent experiences. General KALEDIN is the Hetman of the Cossacks, whose demands included the banishment of politics from the Army and the revision of the so-called declaration of rights of the soldiers. General KORNILOFF, who predicted the fall of Biga unless the Army were "regenerated at any cost," urged the restoration of the authority of officers and non-commissioned officers, and the non-interference of regimental committees in the conduct of operations or in the appointment of leaders. He pointed out, also, that in order to furnish reinforcements and supplies to the troops drastic steps must be taken to reorganise the nation. It was because he despaired of the proper measures being adopted that he subsequently requested M. KERENSKY to hand over to him all civil and military powers. M. KERENSKY, we know, responded by ordering General KORNILOFF to vacate the chief command and denounced him and his chief of staff, General LUKOMSKY, as "traitors" because they demanded the dissolution of the Provisional Government. General KORNILOFF's movement collapsed, but there were many at the time who regretted his downfall, because they felt that he was actuated by the most patriotic motives. His differences with M. KERENSKY were, after all, only differences of methods, and it may be safely assumed that these have now disappeared.

The Bishop of Victoria to-morrow (Sunday) will preach at All Saints' Chinese Church, Yau-mat, in the morning and at St. John's Cathedral in the evening.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks a donation of \$200 to the Funds of the hospitals from the Commission Agents' Guild.

The "Court Cards" will present their final programme at the Theatre Royal this evening, when a *pot-pourri* of favourite numbers in their repertoire will be contributed by the various artistes.

We are officially informed that it has now been decided to proclaim two general holidays—one on December 8th and the other on December 16th to facilitate the training in camp of the Hongkong Defence Corps.

A Chinese girl, aged 14, was found in Connaught Road, yesterday, suffering from internal injuries, believed to have been caused by being knocked down by a tram-car. She was sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

A brick-layer, of 135, Second Street, has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from injuries to his foot, caused by being knocked down in Hill Road by motor-car No. 28, belonging to the Exile Garage. The injuries are not serious.

A party of Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men, with their families, of No. 88 Company, R.G.A., went to Shatin for an enjoyable outing given under the auspices of the Services Entertainment Fund. Country rambles were indulged in, after which an excellent tea was served.

The Services at Union Church on Sunday will be specially for Harvest. Thanksgiving and will be conducted by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald. Fruit and flowers which are contributed will be sent afterwards to the Naval and Military Hospitals, and the collections will be in aid of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals.

THE MORMONS AND THE WAR.

The Mormons have invested a quarter million dollars in the U.S.A. Liberty Loan. The money for the investment was appropriated from the tithes of the church. This act establishes a precedent in the history of the Mormon Church, and is brought about by a "revelation" made to Bishop Nibley.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

THEIR POLICY TOWARDS CHINA.

The American Consul-General (Mr. George E. Anderson) has received the full text of the communications exchanged by the Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lansing, in Washington with Viscount Ishii, special Japanese Ambassador to the United States, under date of November 2nd, which define the policies of the two governments as regards China. These communications consist of a letter addressed to the Special Ambassador by the Secretary of State, embodying the substance of their conversations on the subject of the relations of the two countries, and of Viscount Ishii's formal acceptance of the Secretary's letter as such embodiment of their respective ideas. The letter of the Secretary of State, which contains the so-called agreement, is, in full, as follows:—

Excellency:—I have the honour to communicate herein my understanding of the agreement reached by us in our recent conversations, touching the questions of mutual interests to our Governments relating to the Republic of China.

In order to silence mischievous reports that have from time to time been circulated, it is believed by us that a public announcement, once more of the desires and intentions shared by our two Governments with regard to China is advisable.

The Governments of the United States, and Japan recognize that territorial propinquity created special relations between countries, and consequently the Government of the United States recognizes that Japan has special interests in China, particularly in the part to which her possessions are contiguous.

The territorial sovereignty of China nevertheless remains unimpaired, and the Government of the United States has every confidence in the repeated assurance of the Imperial Japanese Government that while geographic position gives Japan such special interests they have no desire to discriminate against the trade of other nations or to disregard the commercial rights heretofore granted by China in treaties with other Powers.

The Governments of the United States and Japan deny that they have any purpose to infringe in any way the independence or territorial integrity of China. They declare, furthermore, that they always adhere to the principle of the so-called "Open Door" or equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China.

Moreover, they mutually declare that they are opposed to the acquisition by any government of any special rights or privileges that would affect the independence or territorial integrity of China or that would deny to the subjects or citizens of any country the full enjoyment of equal opportunity in the commerce and industry of China.

I shall be glad to have your Excellency confirm this understanding of the agreement reached by us.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

(Sgd.) ROBERT LANSING.

It should be noted in this connection that this is in no sense a treaty or agreement of a formal sort, for, aside from the usual ratifications necessary in such cases, there is the special necessity of submitting all such agreements to the ratification of the Senate of the United States by a two-thirds vote. The letters are an expression of the policies of the two countries based upon their aspirations, plans and present interests and are binding only as an expression of policy.

The note of the Secretary of State was presented to the Wai Wai Pu or Foreign Office at Peking under date of November 2nd, in a letter from the American Minister, Dr. Paul Reinsch, the substance of which is as follows:—

The visit of the Imperial Mission to the United States afforded an opportunity for free and friendly discussion of interests of the United States and Japan in the Orient by openly proclaiming that the policy of Japan as regards China is not one of aggression and by declaring that there is no intention to take advantage commercially or indirectly of the special relations to China created by geographical position. The representatives of Japan have cleared the diplomatic atmosphere of the suspicions which had been so carefully spread by German propaganda.

The Governments of the United States and Japan again declare their adherence to the Open Door policy and recommit themselves as far as these two Governments are concerned to the maintenance of equal opportunity for the full enjoyment of the subjects or citizens of any

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CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG-NGOI SAN PO."]

MEDIATION WITH THE SOUTH-WEST.

PEKING, November 16th.

The President has wired to the Provinces stating that the manipulation of troops towards the South-West is unavoidable.

The Tuchen of Kiangsu, Kiangsi and Hupeh have wired to Peking saying that they will mediate with the South-West, and their conditions are that the Kiangsi troops shall leave Hunan, and that the Yunnan troops shall leave Szechuen.

The Cabinet will order Chang Lan, the Governor of Szechuen, to examine the cause of the conflict between Kweichow and Szechuen troops.

Chu Tao-kong has demanded the payment of 2,000,000 dollars, but the Government has refused.

CANTON NEWS.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG-NGOI SAN PO."]

CANTON, November 16th.

MARTIAL LAW. On the night of the Tuchen's departure, the 14th inst., martial law was strictly enforced. Nothing untoward occurred, and martial law has since been cancelled. WELCOME TO SHUM CHUN-HUEN.

General Luk Wing-ting, on being informed that Shum Chun-huen will come South, sent a representative to Shanghai to welcome him.

NO INCREASE IN THE ARMY.

All the Kwangsi army leaders jointly requested the Tuchen to allow them to increase their armies. The Tuchen refused on the ground that the number of soldiers already exceeded the limits allowed in the Province.

HUNG SHAN BANDITS.

A report states that the bandits in the Heung Shan district have not yet been suppressed, and that serious fighting between the bandits and Canton troops occurred yesterday.

UNEXPECTED DISAPPEARANCE.

The French Consul, who was accompanied by a few French merchants, went to visit the Tuchen yesterday. They were informed that the Tuchen had left Canton, and were subsequently welcomed by the Tuchen's adviser.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON A STATION.

It is reported that a gang of robbers attacked the Sheung Ping Station of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, Chinese Section, yesterday. Fortunately, there were enough police to protect the station, and the robbers, after an hour's fighting, all surrendered.

THE JAPANESE AMMUNITION LOAN TO CHINA.

The Intelligence Bureau of Canton reports:—

Military Governor Tang Chi-yao of Yunnan has requested Generalissimo Sun Yat-sen of the Military Government to join him and General Luk Wing-ting to formally protesting against the Japanese Ammunition Loan to China. Dr. Sun has decided to join in the protest.

The authorities of Kwangtung and Kwangsi will stand by Inspector-General Luk Wing-ting, who will continue to assist the independent army of Hunan to oppose the Tuan Chi-jui Cabinet. Former Military Governor Lung Chi-kwang, who has been appointed by the Peking Government to succeed General Luk as Inspector-General of the two Kwang, is declining the appointment.

The forces now coping with the Swatow rebellion are making progress and have occupied advantageous positions.

country in the commerce and industry of China. Japanese commercial and industrial enterprises in China manifestly have, on account of the geographical relation of the two countries, a certain advantage over similar enterprises on the part of citizens or subjects of any other country.

The Governments of the United States and Japan have taken advantage of a favourable opportunity to make an exchange of expressions with respect to their relations with China. This understanding is formally set forth in the notes exchanged and now transmitted. The statements in the notes require no explanation. They not only contain a reaffirmation of the "Open Door" policy but introduce a principle of non-interference with the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China which generally applied is essential to perpetual international peace, as has been so clearly declared by President Wilson.

THE WAR.

GERMANS BOMBARD PASSCHENDAELE.

BRITISH SHELLING HEAVIER THAN GERMAN.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

REPORTS MEAGRE AND CONTRADICTORY.

THE OPERATIONS ON NEW ITALIAN FRONT.

ENEMY'S TACTICS FRUSTRATED.

Franco-Belgian Front.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH FRONT.

HEAVY ENEMY BOMBARDMENT.

LONDON, November 16th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Early this morning the enemy heavily bombarded the positions northward of the Menin road.

His infantry shortly afterwards attempted to advance.

Our fire successfully repulsed the attack.

Another party endeavoured to approach north-eastward of Passchendaele, and was also driven off.

Hostile artillery were again active in the neighbourhood of Passchendaele, also to the north and south.

EARLIER CABLES.

SUCCESSFUL RAIDING.

LONDON, November 16th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We drove off raiders near Polderhoek Wood, northward of the Menin road, and northward of Bixshoote.

The Belgians entered the German lines last night northward of Dixmude, and blew up concrete shelters.

ATTACK ON PASSCHENDAELE FAILS.

LONDON, November 16th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Since the capture of Passchendaele great artillery activity has been directed against the village and adjacent portions of the main ridge.

After Saturday's successful attack, hostile shelling steadily increased in intensity in the whole of this important area, culminating early yesterday morning in a concentrated bombardment of great violence on our forward positions.

Our artillery replied effectively, but the hostile shelling continued, and it became more intense at 4.30 this afternoon, and the attack, reported this morning, was launched by the enemy's infantry, who attempted to advance along the Westroosebeke road.

Our artillery and infantry fire completely broke up the attack.

Our line is intact.

We improved our line slightly at night northward of Passchendaele.

We brought down three enemy aeroplanes yesterday, and drove down four. All our machines returned.

OUR SHELLING HEAVIER THAN GERMAN.

LONDON, November 16th.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing on the 16th inst., states:—An extremely violent artillery battle rages in the Passchendaele area.

The enemy has been shelling for two days with the utmost violence the advanced lines of the Canadians, but if the German shelling is heavy ours is heavier.

Wounded Canadians speak of our artillery work with the greatest admiration. They say that whenever there has been a threat of an enemy infantry attack our barrage has settled down like a curtain, so sweeping the ground that no infantry could live. Moreover, under the volume of our counter-battery work the German gun positions are growing more and more difficult to maintain. It is doubtful if a more fierce and more concentrated artillery duel has ever been seen in this front.

Italian Front.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ITALIAN FRONT.

ITALIANS ABANDON MONT LONGARA.

LONDON, November 16th.

An Italian semi-official report states:—After a lengthy resistance, enabling the troops on the Asiago Plateau to complete their movements, Mont Longara was abandoned.

The Italian rearguards stubbornly resisted the furious onslaughts for four days. On the 10th inst., they put out of action eight enemy battalions who had momentarily captured Gallio and Mont Ferragh. After this five fresh battalions were brought up, but were repeatedly repulsed. They counter-attacked, but Mont Longara was not evacuated until the new lines of the main army were completed.

At the same time the rearguards in the Val Sugana and the mounts near Feltre rejoined the main line after stripping all the forts north and north-west of Arsie, including the forts the enemy claimed they had stormed.

The enemy continues attempts on the Piave. Detachments who crossed near Sandona and Intestadura were driven back into the river. This zone is occupied by important enemy detachments, but at Zenson they are being continually reduced.

The enemy reached an isthmus north of the Piave Bridge and the right bank near the mouth of the Grisolera river, where the thick vegetation on the high banks assisted concealment. The defenders, however, checked the advance of the detachments.

ESTIMATED ENEMY LOSSES.

LONDON, November 16th.

Reuter's Correspondent at Italian Headquarters, telegraphing on the 16th inst., states:—The enemy is attempting to squeeze the Italians in a pair of pincers, the one end pressing upon the Asiago Plateau, and the other upon the mouth of the Piave.

It is estimated that in the fighting described in to-night's semi-official report the enemy losses were twenty to one of the Italians.

It is recalled that the Austrian present attempts to debouch into the valleys leading to Vicenza are similar to the attempts frustrated in May, 1916. So far the Italian resistance is foiling the enemy plans.

EARLIER CABLES.

ENEMY REPEATING ISONZO TACTICS.

LONDON, November 16th.

Reuter's Correspondent at the Italian Headquarters, telegraphing on the 16th inst., states:—On the Alps above the Venetian plains the enemy is repeating the tactics he adopted when breaking through on the Isonzo front. The troops commanded by the Archduke Eugene are daily testing the Italian lines along the valleys leading to Asiago, hoping to find a weak spot, whence they could sweep down on the rear of the Italians massed on the right bank of the Piave.

The assailants are numerically stronger, but the defence at present is unbroken. The enemy nearly broke through in the valleys north of Asiago, when from a precipice toward the rear the Alpini fell upon the Austrians with such violence that the latter finally fled, leaving behind numbers of dead and wounded prisoners.

ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED.

LONDON, November 16th.

An Italian official report states:—The enemy has intensified his action on our mountainous front, from Asiago to the Valley.

We effectively resisted, on Tuesday night, attacks on the front Mount Bisolmo-Mietto-Davanti. His attacks yesterday further north and towards the front Frisoni-Brenta-Clemon were repulsed.

We withdrew our advanced posts at Mount Tomatico. Fresh attempts to cross the Piave failed. Units which had already crossed are being withheld in the Zenson loop, marshes, between Piave and Vecchia.

THE NATION'S GRATITUDE.

Rome, November 16th.

At the re-opening of the Chamber of Deputies, the Premier, Signor Orlando, paid a tribute in handsome manner to the Franco-British spontaneous help.

Subsequently, a resolution by Signor Baselli, father of the Chamber, reaffirming Italy's faith in the Allies and the necessity of national unity to help the army and the rebel invaders, was adopted with acclamation.

THE SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIES.

Signor Orlando said that the military situation was one of exceptional gravity. Italy at present was facing the whole Austrian army, also the most powerful reserves of the German Army. Behind the heroic troops stood a united people, and the powerful voluntary support accorded by the Allies, including the United States, was deeply appreciated by the whole nation, which demonstrated how close was the solidarity of the Allies.

GENERAL FAYOLLE'S COMMAND RESTRICTED.

LONDON, November 16th.

Regarding General Fayolle's appointment as Commander of the Franco-British Forces in Venetia, the War Office states that the British Forces will operate under their Commanders.

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF FIGHTING.

LONDON, November 16th.

A wireless Italian official report states:—An enemy surprise attack against our positions from Lake Ledro to Lake Garda completely failed, and the enemy was compelled to retire.

Our troops in the Asiago Plateau, occupying advanced positions at Mount Longara, having repulsed four enemy attacks, withdrew their line further to the rear.

There were lively combats between Asiago and the Sugana Valley.

Between Brenta and Piave the enemy now occupies a front Tezze-Lamon-Fonzaso-Arten-Feltre.

There is intense artillery firing along the Piave.

Enemy attempts to cross the river at Sandona-di-Piave and Intestadura failed. There was desperate fighting at Grave, Dipapadol, and Zenson.

Enemy groups penetrated the marshy region between Piave and Vecchia, where the enemy was held up. We captured 121 prisoners.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, November 16th.

A wireless German official report states:—In the mountains from Fonzaso to Feltre we are in contact with the enemy.

The Near East.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE CAMPAIGN IN PALESTINE.

SEVEN MILE ENEMY DRIVE.

General Allenby reports:—We have driven the enemy seven miles northward to Kedron, which covers the Jaffa, Ramleh and Jerusalem Railway. ELEVEN HUNDRED PRISONERS. We captured 1,100 prisoners and several guns.

WHOLE TURKISH FORCES WITHDRAWN.

LONDON, November 16th.

A Mesopotamia official report states:—After successful actions at Tekrit on the 6th and 8th inst., we remained there until the 15th inst., the whole of the Turkish forces having withdrawn 30 to 50 miles northward. When the battlefield was cleared we returned to our original positions according to our plan.

VIOLENT ENEMY COUNTER-ATTACK REPULSED.

LONDON, November 16th.

Reuter's Correspondent at Egyptian Headquarters, telegraphing on the 16th inst., states:—Since yesterday there has been severe fighting at Wady Bakari, the enemy rearguards resisting desperately. The Scottish troops captured Burkan ridge. The Turks vigorously counter-attacked, regaining some ground, which the Scottish troops immediately recovered.

A further violent counter-attack was repulsed with heavy loss. Since the morning fighting has been general along considerable part of the front. We advanced to a point seven miles from Ramleh, which is the Turkish headquarters and the centre of their positions.

ENEMY POINTS OCCUPIED.

On our left, we crossed the Wady Kubin and occupied the important hamlet Yabneh, also Kubeibah.

On our right and centre, despite stubborn resistance, we gained considerable ground. Everybody worked like Trojans, impressed with the necessity of striking again before the enemy reorganised or extensively entrenched.

The captured guns total 90.

The inhabitants of Gaza, whom the Turks removed, are being settled in Asia Minor to replace the massacred inhabitants of an Armenian village.

GENERAL ALLENBY'S REPORT.

LONDON, November 16th.

General Allenby reports:—The Turks, in attempting to take up a new position 12 miles northward of Ascalon, were driven, after stiff fighting, five miles to Wady Surar, eight miles southward of Jaffa.

Our troops, with magnificent dash, captured strongly-entrenched posts at Mesimeh, Katrah, and Mughar.

We hold a line from Eltineh, through Katrah and Yebna, to the sea.

One of our mounted divisions alone captured 1,100 prisoners, 14 machine-guns, and two guns.

ADVANCE CONTINUES.

LONDON, November 16th.

A Palestine official message states that General Allenby reports:—Our infantry and mounted troops continue to advance.

We now hold the railway line near Neaneh and Mansurah, including the junction on the Beersheba-Damascus railway with the line to Jerusalem.

We inflicted heavy losses on Tuesday. We buried 400 at Katrah alone.

We captured 1,500 prisoners that day, and four guns and 20 machine-guns.

General.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRAZIL AND THE WAR.

A REPRISAL BILL.

RIO DE JANEIRO, November 16th.

The Reprisal Bill has been adopted authorising the Government to cancel all contracts with enemy subjects, intern suspects, and revise the concessions of land to colonists.

TO INVITE FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Chamber of Deputies passed the first reading of a bill authorising the dispatch to Brazil of a French military mission for the Brazilian Army and a British or United States mission for the Navy.

THE AMERICO-JAPAN AGREEMENT.

WASHINGTON, November 16th.

The United States Government regards the Chinese protest against the Japan-American agreement in the nature of a declaration of a principle not necessitating a reply from the United States, as China has merely declared that she did not regard as binding upon herself agreements between other nations.

EARLIER CABLES.

NEUTRALS PREFER FOOD-STUFFS TO TONNAGE.

WASHINGTON, November 16th.

With regard to the negotiations with North European neutrals and Japan, the United States has arranged to add several hundred thousand tons to the ships carrying troops and supplies for the Allies.

The neutrals have agreed to hand over to the Allies and the United States ships in exchange for foodstuffs, and Japan has agreed to sell outright a large amount of tonnage in exchange for steel.

FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

NEW YORK, November 16th.

The Associated Press Correspondent at Presidio, in Texas, reports fighting between General Villa's forces and the Government troops at Orizaba.

THE AIR FORCE BILL.

LONDON, November 16th.

In the House of Commons on the Air Force Bill, Mr. J. L. Baird declined to limit the Council to nine, on the ground of the Imperial importance of aviation after the war, as it may then be desirable to have additional members from the Dominions.

THE FRENCH POLITICAL CRISIS.

PARIS, November 16th.

M. Clemenceau has accepted the task of forming a Cabinet.

LATEST CABLES.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

TERMS FOR SETTLEMENT.

PETROGRAD, November 16th.

The Socialist leaders are negotiating upon the following terms:—Disarmament of Red Guards; the control of the Petrograd Garrison to be transferred to the Municipality; military operations to cease; a guarantee that Kerensky's army on entering Petrograd would not fire and will abstain from house to house searches and arrests.

KERENSKY'S PROCLAMATION.

M. Kerensky has issued a proclamation in which he adheres to the revolution, guarantees the clearing out of the Bolsheviks, and the transference of power to an organisation comprising the Preliminary Parliament and a Committee for safeguarding the Revolution. Heavy fighting is reported from Kieff, aeroplanes participating on both sides. The casualties are reported to be numerous.

The armistice at Moscow has expired.

A SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME.

LONDON, November 16th.

A telegram from Petrograd, dated the 13th inst., states that the Socialist leaders are negotiating with the Bolsheviks for the establishment of a Socialist Government, with the following programme:—Rapid conclusion of peace; delivery of all land to land committees; and summoning the Constituent Assembly.

The Bolsheviks insist upon representation in the Government, which has been refused, and decline to accede to an armistice unless their demand is reconsidered.

The Kerensky forces are concentrated close to Petrograd.

EARLIER CABLES.

PETROGRAD IN FLAMES.

STOCKHOLM, November 16th.

Travellers who have arrived at Haparanda from Finland bring the rumour that Petrograd is in flames.

SITUATION STILL PERPLEXING.

The Russian situation is still most perplexing. The latest message from Reuter's Correspondent at Stockholm, dispatched on Wednesday evening, states that news received from Petrograd by indirect channels is meagre and contradictory, some reports declaring that M. Kerensky is master of the situation; whilst others say that he has definitely lost. A Proclamation by the Maximilian Commander, General Muraviev, has been received, which, while denying that Maximilian troops have joined Kerensky, admits that they have evacuated Gatchina, but only to prevent useless bloodshed, and asserts that they have taken up a defensive position near Petrograd strong enough to resist times M. Kerensky's forces.

The proclamation concludes by declaring that three cruisers and six torpedo-boats in the Baltic Fleet manned by Maximilians are anchored in the Neva, in the centre of Petrograd, and are prepared to bombard the capital.

POGROMS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, November 16th.

All news as to the situation in Russia is coming via Sweden from the Finnish frontier and must be accepted with reserve. This applies equally to the vague reports and statements emanating from apparently sound and authoritative sources, such as the Scandinavian Consulates or Russian officials abroad.

The latest rumours from the Finnish frontier include wholesale anarchy in the provinces, two thousand being killed at Moscow and veritable pogroms are taking place at Kieff, Voronej and other towns.

ONE-YEAR'S COURSE AT UNIVERSITY.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISABLED SERVICE OFFICERS AND MEN.

LONDON, November 16th.

Reuter's Agency learns that a proposal has been submitted to the Dominion Governments regarding the provision of scholarships, whereby selected disabled naval and military officers and men from the Dominions and Colonies will be afforded facilities to undergo special one-year courses of study at universities and schools of technology before returning to their homes.

The Rhodes trustees meanwhile are generously providing a number of such scholarships.

The Executive Committee of the Kitchener National Memorial Fund is also prepared to finance twenty scholarships which are estimated to require from £150 to £250, amply covering all expenses, including tuition and living costs. Scholarship nominations are placed at the disposal of the Dominion authorities and Crown Agents for the Colonies. Some scholars are already in residence at Oxford and Cambridge.

GREAT BRITAIN'S MAN-POWER.

LONDON, November 16th.

Sir Auckland Geddes at London, describing the man-power plan, said that the army would be carried on a basis of occupation, not as a luxury. It was nonsense to take young men from aeroplane factories, shipbuilding, engineering, and transportation. The war was going to call for the utmost energy of which the people are capable. There would be no margin at all. "Our effort this autumn must be unprecedented. We are at present cataloguing everyone in the country."

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